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AMENDMENT B

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002,
please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

3' 1. (Twice amended) A polymeric vehicle comprising an
aqueous dispersion of a neutralized polymer in water, a co-
solvent, and a cross-linking agent,

which dispersion is substantially free of emulsifiers,
wherein the cross-linking agent is selected from the group
consisting of dimerized or trimerized polyisocyanate,
triisocyanates, tetraisocyanates and mixtures thereof,

wherein the polymeric vehicle is effective for providing a
coating binder film, wherein the polymer is selected from the